



Atty. Docket No. KOY02 001

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)	
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Stephen Spagnuolo, et al.)	Date: December 3, 2004
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Serial No.: 10/092,699)	Group Art Unit: 3616
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Filed: March 7, 2002)	Examiner: David R. Dunn
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For: Steering Link With Buckle Portion)	

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of June 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claim 1-14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Currently amended): A vehicle linkage member comprising:

a socket; and

a stud having a ball end portion received in said socket and supported for pivotal movement relative to said socket, said stud having a longitudinal axis, said stud having a shank portion projecting from said socket and centered on said axis;

said shank portion of said ball stud including a predetermined weakened portion, said predetermined weakened portion having a cross-sectional configuration that is not